GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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FLIGHTS FROM HYDERABAD
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced some new air services during the last one year from Hyderabad Airport to different destinations both national and international;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of requests pending with the Government for introducing new services to and fro Hyderabad Airport at present; and

(d) the detailed plan chalked out by the Government for starting new services to and fro Hyderabad Airport?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b):- During the year 2002, Air India introduced a thrice weekly flight on Jakarta - Hyderabad sector, a weekly flight on Delhi - Hyderabad sector and a twice weekly flight on Hyderabad - Mumbai - Riyadh and return sector. In addition to this, Air India introduced seamless transfer connections between Hyderabad and Newark / Frankfurt through its four flights a week service on Newark - Mumbai - Hyderabad and return sector and a weekly flight on Frankfurt - Delhi - Hyderabad sector. From May, 2002, Sahara Airlines have introduced a daily service on Kolkata - Hyderabad - Bangalore and return sector. During 2002, Hyderabad was granted as a new point of call to the designated airlines of Singapore and Qatar, and accordingly, Silk Air have started four flights a week service on Singapore - Hyderabad - Singapore sector and the Qatar Airways have started a thrice weekly services on Doha - Hyderabad - Doha sector.
(c):- At present, requests from Kuwait and U.K. are pending with the Government, for granting Hyderabad as a new point of call.

(d):- Grant of new point of call in India for foreign airlines, is decided during bi-lateral talks between the two countries, keeping in view the traffic demands, tourism potential and commercial interests of our national carriers, on the principles of reciprocity and balance of benefits. As regards new domestic air services to/from Hyderabad, Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines, as per which airlines are free to provide services to any place depending upon the traffic demand and the commercial viability.